

# Valley Community Presbyterian Church

*Open Hearts  
Open Minds  
Opening Lives to God*

Reflecting God's love  
in thoughtful, joyful worship.  
Growing with vision and  
vitality remembering the spirit  
of our heritage.  
Serving the community  
with concern for the world.  
Supporting just and  
peaceful living.  
Encouraging faith exploration.  
Enjoying laughter, music  
and one another.  
A Christian place of  
belonging for all.

*Then Jesus answered them,  
"Truly I tell you, just as you  
did not do it to one of the least  
of these, you did not do it to  
me."*

Matthew 25:45



**Sunday Worship**  
**November 26, 2017**  
**9:30 a.m.**

## GATHERING US IN

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Richard Buller  
Elder Tim Grosshuesch

### GATHERING MUSIC

*Little Adagio*  
Composer: Georges Bizet  
Peter Buller, Trumpet

### OPENING SENTENCES

†HYMN #772  
*Live into Hope*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Jan Fedora

### PRAYER SONG

**When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,  
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.  
Both in our living and in our dying,  
we belong to God; we belong to God.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all people, you have called us to  
walk humbly before you and to share in the  
struggle with the least of these. We come  
confessing that we have failed to live up to  
this call. Today, we come before you asking  
your Spirit to empower us to be agents of  
transformation for the world.**

**As we struggle to make a difference, use us  
as a chalice from which all the oppressed  
can find living water. In our everyday  
experiences, help us to witness through  
lives of service and humility. Inspire us to  
build bridges of reconciliation with all of  
creation in new and creative ways. Amen.**

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: Friends, believe in the  
Good News of the Gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## HEARING THE WORD

### TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

Congregational Blessing: **You are God's beloved child.  
With you God is well pleased.**

*Children 3 years old through 1st grade may leave for Children's Worship.*

### ANTHEM

*Let all things now living*  
Composer: Katherine K. Davis

Let all things now living  
A song of thanksgiving  
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashion'd and made us, Protected and stay'd us,  
Who guideth us on to the end of our days.  
His banners are o'er us,  
His light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
Till shadows have vanish'd and darkness is banish'd,  
As forward we travel from light into light!  
His law he enforces, the stars in their courses,  
The sun in his orbit, obediently shine.  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him Divine.  
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing,  
With glad adoration a song let us raise,  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:31-46  
New Testament, page 29 of your pew Bible.

### SERMON

*Everyday Life*  
Rev. Richard Buller

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

†HYMN #44  
*Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom  
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our  
daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against  
us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine  
is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

*500 Years and Still Reforming*  
Greg Van Heest

### OFFERING

All loose offering benefits *KidPack*, a program that provides weekend  
nutrition for students at Noble Elementary School.

### OFFERTORY

*The Journey Home*  
Composer: Paul A. McKlveen  
Taichi Chen, Violin  
Valley Hand Bell Choir

### †PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We give you our gifts, O God, that our money will serve Christ's  
mission through our church's work at home and throughout the  
world. We offer you our hands and feet and minds to serve the needy.  
We offer you our eyes and our hearts that you will give us the vision  
and will to see you at work in the world. Bless these gifts in Jesus'  
name. Amen.**

*Children and teachers may leave for Faith Formation (Sunday School Classes).*

## SENDING US OUT

### †HYMN #268

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*  
Verses 1 & 4

### †BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Allegro Spiritoso*  
Composer: Jean Baptiste Senaille  
Peter Buller, Trumpet

*The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.*

## This Week at Valley

Today, November 26

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Faith Formation

10:30 am Fellowship Time

10:45 am Hanging of the Greens

Monday, November 27

6:30 pm Session Meeting

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, November 28

4:00 pm Music Together WTC

6:00 pm OA Meeting

6:30 pm Keys to Success  
Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 29

1:00 pm Valley Press Assembly

5:00 pm Yoga Class

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 30

9:30 am Bible Fellowship

6:30 pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 1

2:00 pm Book Club

5:45 pm Parent's Night Out

6:00 pm Clare Terrace  
National Aids Day

7:30 pm Lake Wobegon  
Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 2

9:00 am Music Together WTC

9:30 am Children's Pageant  
Practice

Sunday, December 3

First Sunday of Advent

9:30 am Worship Service  
Communion

10:30 am Faith Formation

10:30 am Fellowship Time

11:00 am Adult Ed

11:15 am Worship Service

5:00 pm Christmas Dinner

6:00 pm TEAMS



**Chancel Flowers**

Sponsored today by

Marlys Hawkins & April Kovacovich  
in memory of husband and father,

Charles Hawkins.

Arranged by

Mary Rom.

## Sunday Helpers

**Worship Assistant**

Jan Fedora

**Lead Ushers**

Greg & Mary Rom

**Ushers**

Ann Reynolds

Ruth Tjaden

**Coffee Hosts**

Ryan & Karen Chancellor

**Sound Technician**

Brian Smith

**Building**

Open – Tim Grosshuesch

Close – Marian Michael

## Valley Church Staff

Ministers: All 483 members of this  
congregation.

Pastor

**Rev. Richard D. Buller**

Associate Pastor

**Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood**

Director of Christian Education

**Wendy Fields**

Director of Music

**Roderick Phipps-Kettlewell**

Director of Wellsprings Music

**Scott Newman**

Director of Hand Bell Choir

**Janet M.T. Carlson**

Office Administrator

**Lisa Tarbell**

Secretary

**Pam Magill**

Custodian

**Alan Wold**

Nursery Attendant

**Rebekah Rierson**

Parish Associate Volunteers

**Rev. Dr. Jim Cook**

**Rev. Bill Davnie**

**Rev. Kate O'Brien Soltau**

**Rev. Aron Wilterding**

*Valley Church was founded May 20, 1951.*

## Valley Happenings



### Hanging of the Greens

Today after the service  
10:45 am  
Please stay after coffee  
to get the church ready  
for Advent.



### Youth Christmas Wreaths

on sale in Fellowship Hall  
TODAY

Standard Wreath \$20

Deluxe Wreath \$25

Swag \$20

Proceeds go toward Mission Trips

### Book Club Friday, Dec. 1 at 2:00 p.m.

Discussing:  
*A Truck Full of Money*  
Author: Tracy Kidder

Come and join in the discussion.



### Christmas Dinner December 3 5:00 p.m.



Adults: \$15

Kids ages 5-12: \$9

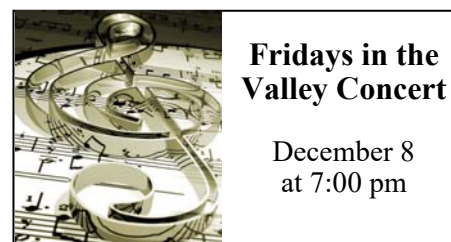
Kids under 5: free

Dinner, entertainment, and Christmas  
customs in Switzerland are included  
in ticket price.

Reservations by  
November 27 required.  
Tickets on sale in Fellowship Hall.

### Friday, December 1 5:45 to 8:30 p.m. (Kids come to Valley for fun and friends)

Preschool-5th Grade  
Drop-offs begin at 5:45 p.m.  
Dinner provided  
Cost is \$10/child  
Sign up in Fellowship Hall.



### Fridays in the Valley Concert

December 8  
at 7:00 pm

### Above Average Tuba Quartet

The free will offering will benefit  
*PRISM Holiday Shoppe.*

2017 Christmas Pageant  
*A New Star*  
December 10 at 11:15 a.m.



### HOLIDAY SHOPPE

Toy, gift card and wrapping paper  
collections begin today and go  
through December 14.

Volunteers *must* sign up through the  
PRISM website at  
[www.prismmpls.org](http://www.prismmpls.org).

## Welcome to Worship at Valley

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in worship, programs and mission at Valley Community Presbyterian Church.

Find **newsletter** and activity information on our **website** at [www.valleychurch.net](http://www.valleychurch.net) or in the literature racks located around the building.

Reach us on our **telephone ministry** if you are unable to be with us for worship, call (763) 220-1455 to hear the service over your phone or on your computer at [uberconference.com/valleychurch](http://uberconference.com/valleychurch).

**Large-Print** bulletins, Bibles, and hymnals, as well as hearing devices, are available from the ushers.

**Child care** in the nursery is provided for infants and toddlers from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. by Rebekah Rierson. The nursery is located on this floor.

**Children's bulletins** are available in the Narthex for both readers and non-readers. Children are a large part of worship here at Valley and they are encouraged to be in the sanctuary to be part of the community of worship. Activity bags can be found in the narthex and a family area for little crawlers is located on the west side of the sanctuary.

Join us for **fellowship** with Fair Trade Coffee and refreshments in Fellowship Hall following the service.

**Adult Education classes** are offered during the school year in the Cornerstone Room beginning at 11:00 a.m. Brochures are available in the literature racks around the church building with class descriptions and speakers.

Interested in membership at Valley? **New Member classes** take place several times a year. Our next New Member's class will be held Sunday, Jan. 21 at 5:00 p.m. For information on the next class, see Rev. Buller or Rev. Bigwood at church this morning.

**Wifi** access is available throughout the building.  
network name: VCPC-Guest  
password: vcpcguest

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